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SUBJ: ENDANGERED SPECIES: PROHIBITION ON HAWKSBILL TURTLE  
JEWELRY

REF: NASSAU 1223

1. SUBSEQUENT TO SENDING REFTEL EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM NOAA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, A COPY OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973 AND A LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES WHICH SHOWS DESIGNATION OF HAWKSBILL TURTLE AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

2. EMBASSY ALSO HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH W. A. HASKILL, ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, NOAA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, ST. PETERSBURGH, FLA. MR. HASKILL ADVISED US DURING A RECENT VISIT TO NASSAU THAT PROHIBITION ON IMPORTS OF JEWELRY MADE FROM SHELL OF HAWKSBILL TURTLE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 25, 1974. MR. HASKILL DID NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, WHETHER PROHIBITION WAS BLANKET IN EFFECT AS OF THAT DATE OR EFFECTED ONLY JEWELRY FROM HAWKSBILL TURTLE KILLED AFTER THAT DATE. HE LEFT EMBASSY WITH IMPRESSION THAT LATTER WAS THE CASE. LOCAL MANUFACTURER, J.S. JOHNSON, WHOM HASKILL VISITED, ALSO HAS THAT IMPRESSION AND, ALONG WITH MINISTRY OF TOURISM, HAS BEEN ASKING EMBASSY FOR CLARIFICATION. (JOHNSON CLAIMS TO HAVE A YEAR'S BACKLOG OF JEWELRY MADE FROM TURTLES KILLED PRIOR TO JUNE 25.)

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING  
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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

A. IN WHAT TERMS PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS INTO U.S. OF HAWKS-BILL TURTLE JEWELRY IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED, I.E. IS IT COMPLETE AS OF JUNE 25 OR DOES IT APPLY ONLY TO JEWELRY MADE FROM TURTLES KILLED AFTER THAT DATE?

B. IF LATTER, HOW DO WE DISTINGUISH?

C. WHETHER PROHIBITION IS COMPLETE OF PARTIAL, WHAT IS U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALERTING US TOURISTS TO THIS PROHIBITION? WILL NOAA (AND COMMERCE) AUTOMATICALLY ADVISE AIRLINES TO POST ALERT? EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO PLACE SIGNS IN EMBASSY OFFICES, AND WE EXPECT FULL COOPERATION FROM J.S. JOHNSON FIRM. WE WILL, OF COURSE, ADVISE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THIS PROHIBITION AND REQUEST MINISTRY ASSISTANCE VIS-A-VIS THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND LOCAL MERCHANTS.  
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